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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL: MEETING ON SOUTH AFRICAN "AGGRESSION"
IN ANGOLA

1.OAU OBSERVER TO UN OUATTARA TOLD MISOFF MARCH 24 THAT
AFRICAN GROUP WILL BE GUIDED BY MPLA WISHES IN SCHEDULING
OF SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON SOUTH AFRICAN "AGGRESSION"
IN ANGOLA. MPLA REPS WILL MEET WITH AFRICAN GROUP "EARLY"
MARCH 26. OUATTARA PERSONALLY FORESEES AN SC DEBATE MARCH 26,
POSSIBLY TERMINATING WITHOUT A RESOLUTION BUT WITH A STATEMENT
FROM SC PRESIDENT. OUATTARA BELIEVES THAT UTMOST CAUTION
MUST BE EXERCISED IN DRAFTING OF SUCH A STATEMENT, SINCE:
(A) IT IS NOT YET KNOWN WHETHER SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS WILL
WITHDRAW A DISTANCE FROM ANGOLAN BORDER OR WILL CONTINUE
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TO "MENACE" ANGOLA FROM ACROSS FRONTIER AND (B) SOUTH
AFRICA SHOULD NOT BE PRAISED FOR WITHDRAWING TO NAMIBIA,
SINCE IT HAS NO BUSINESS BEING IN NAMIBIA EITHER. MORE
RADICAL AFRICANS, SUCH AS BURUNDI, CLEARLY HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED

BY SOVIETS, AND ARE ECHOING SOVIET ARGUMENT THAT UPON
ISSUANCE OF MORE POSITIVE SAG STATEMENT CONCERNING
WITHDRAWAL, THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR SC DEBATE. AFRICAN
GROUP CHAIRMAN MAINA (KENYA) STILL DISPUTES THIS, HOWEVER,
AND CONTINUES TO URGE AN SC MEETING BE HELD MARCH 26.

2. BRITISH TELL US SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY
BRAND FOURIE HAS SAID THAT PRETORIA STILL IS WITHOUT
MPLA "CLARIFICATIONS OF INTERPRETATIONS", AND HAS ADVISED
BRITISH THAT SOUTH AFRICANS MAY WELL REMAIN IN ANGOLA
UNTIL THEY RECEIVE THEM. ACCORDING TO UKUN MISOFF, FOURIE
LATER MODIFIED THIS TO SAY THAT, ON THE OTHER HAND, OTHER
SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTERS MAY CHOOSE TO EFFECT WITHDRAWAL
WITHOUT RECEIVING SUCH CLARIFICATIONS.

3. ALTHOUGH IT IS TAKEN FOR GRANTED BY MOST HERE THAT MPLA
DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE EVENING MARCH 25 FROM LISBON,
WE STILL HAVE NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR APPLICATION
FOR US VISAS.
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